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Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
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Dear Sir/Madam

We welcome the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts on the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009.

iiNet Limited welcomes the Government's historic legislative reform of the Australian telecommunications industry with the introduction of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009.

While we strongly support the direction and majority of the provision of the Bill, as a key industry player and Australia's third-largest Internet Service Provider, iiNet has garnered tremendous practical experience with the telecommunications access regime in Part XIC of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and seek to make specific comments in relation to these provisions.

Specifically, we have written directly to the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, the Hon. Senator Conroy, outlining amendments we believe would further improve the current Bill. For the Committee's benefit I attached a copy of a paper outlining those aspects for its consideration as our submissions to this inquiry.

While our submission is limited in this regard we are more than happy to provide the Committee with further information and our views on the legislation more broadly should that be of benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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